



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 735

LCO No. 5131

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by:
(ENV)

AN ACT CONCERNING RECREATIONAL FISHING IN CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 26-117 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 Any person who violates any provision of sections 26-102 and 26-
4 111 to 26-116, inclusive, or any regulation issued by the commissioner
5 pursuant thereto shall be fined [seventy-seven] one hundred fifty-four
6 dollars. Each fish taken or possessed contrary to said provisions or to
7 the regulations issued by the commissioner shall constitute a separate
8 offense.

9 Sec. 2. Section 26-141 of the general statutes is repealed and the
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

11 Any person who violates any provision of this part for the violation
12 of which no other penalty is provided shall be fined [seventy-seven]
13 one hundred fifty-four dollars. Each fish taken or possessed in
14 violation of any provision of this part shall constitute a separate
15 offense.

16 Sec. 3. Section 26-186 of the general statutes is repealed and the
17 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

18 Any person who violates any provision of this part for which no
19 other penalty is provided shall be fined not more than [fifty] one
20 hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days or both, and
21 each fish or crustacean taken or possessed in violation of any provision
22 of said sections shall constitute a separate offense.

23 Sec. 4. Not later than January 1, 2002, the Department of
24 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the Department of
25 Agriculture, shall submit a report on its findings and
26 recommendations concerning the effect of commercial and recreational
27 fishing activities on glass eel beds in the state to the joint standing
28 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
29 relating to the environment, in accordance with the provisions of
30 section 11-4a of the general statutes.

31 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect and strengthen recreational fishing as an environmental and tourism asset in Connecticut.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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